

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10889–S10958*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3732–3741, and S. Con. Res. 107. **Page S10946**

**Measures Reported:**

Report to accompany S. 3501, to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute. (S. Rept. No. 110–528) **Page S10946**

**Measures Passed:**

**Technical Corrections:** Senate passed H.R. 7327, to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10914–15**

**United States Capitol Complex Tours:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 107, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the rights of Members of Congress (or any employee of a Member of Congress authorized by that member) to lead tours of the United States Capitol complex. **Page S10957**

**Union Station, Washington, D.C. Centennial:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 664, celebrating the centennial of Union Station in Washington, District of Columbia, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10957**

**National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 710, designating the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S10957–58**

**National Mentoring Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 728, designating January 2009 as “National Mentoring Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S10957–58**

**Measures Considered:**

**Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act—Cloture:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to pro-

ceed to consideration of H.R. 7005, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide alternative minimum tax relief for individuals for 2008. **Page S10931**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 215), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S10931**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S10931**

**Appointments:**

**Congressional Award Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Major General Robert Newman of Virginia. **Page S10958**

**Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S10958**

**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate meet in pro forma sessions with no business conducted on the following days and times: Friday, December 12 at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, December 16 at 11 a.m.; Friday, December 19 at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, December 23 at 11 a.m.; Friday, December 26 at 11 a.m.; Tuesday, December 30 at 10:30 a.m.; and Friday, January 2 at 10 a.m.; and that at the close of the pro forma session on Friday, January 2, Senate stand adjourned sine die under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 440. **Page S10958**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination: Matthew W. Friedrich, of Texas, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S10958**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S10944–45**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S10945–46**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S10947**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S10943–44**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S10951–57**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S10957**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—215) **Page S10931**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 11:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 12, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10958.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM PREVENTION REPORT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine a report from the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism, after receiving testimony from former Senators Bob Graham and Jim Talent, Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, and former Representative Tim Roemer, and Robin Cleveland, each a Commissioner, all of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January, 3, 2009, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 440.

## Committee Meetings

### STATES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES— IMPACT OF RECESSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Held a hearing on the Impact of Recession on States and Local Communities. Testimony was heard from the following Governors: Jon Corzine, New Jersey; Jim Doyle, Wisconsin; and Jim Douglas, Vermont; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATION'S LAST-MINUTE RULEMAKINGS

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled "Approaching Midnight: Oversight of the Bush Administration's Last-Minute Rulemakings." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.